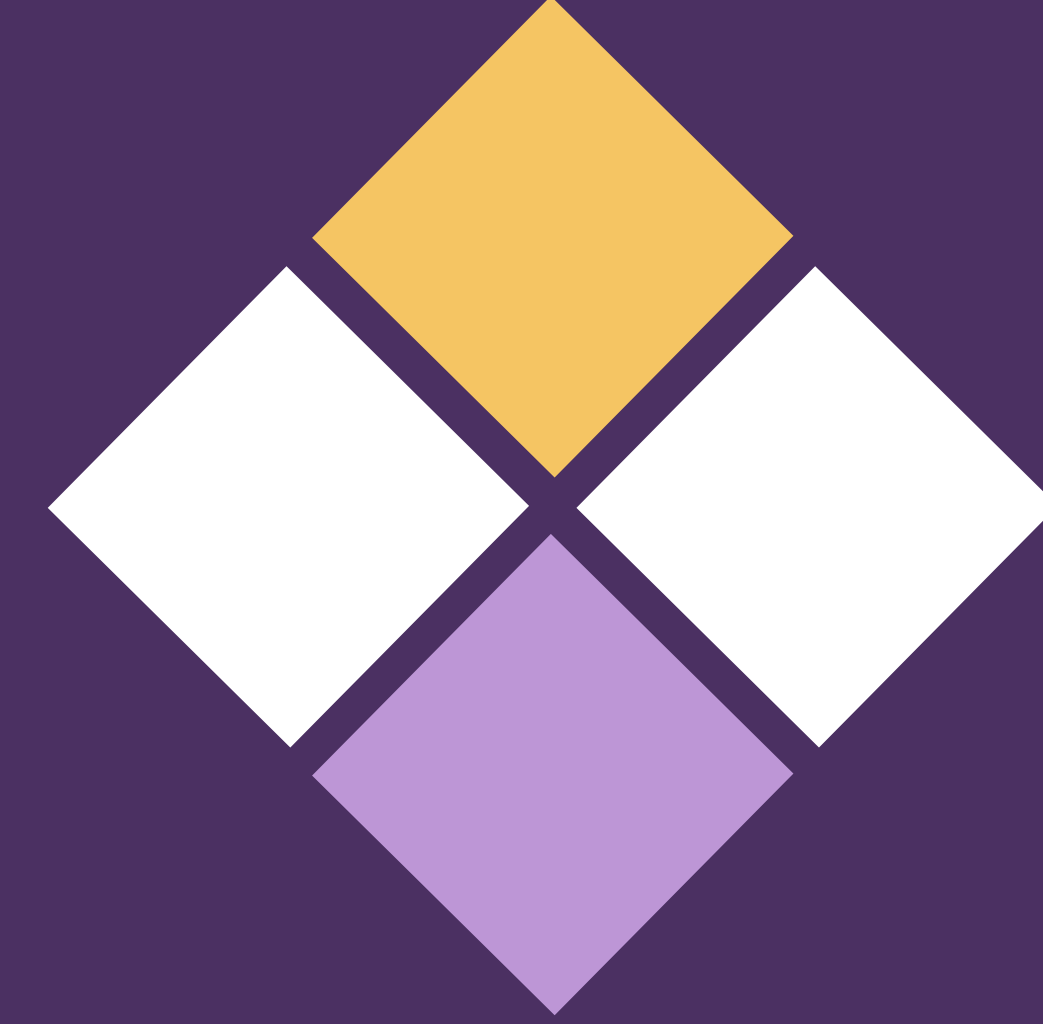


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Welcome back

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing May break, filled with time to relax, recharge, and enjoy moments together as families. Whether you spent time visiting loved ones, enjoyed some sunshine, or enjoyed time at home, we hope it brought a welcome pause in a busy school year..

Attendance

We would like to thank all parents for prioritising attendance at school. Our attendance at the end of our second term was 95% which is above the National benchmark of 94.8% for all schools which is a fantastic achievement, and one we'd like to build on to meet our target of 97%.

Each term, a £50 family dining voucher will be awarded for the Winding Wheel, Harvester, Glasshoughton. Criteria will vary each term. For summer, pupils achieving 97% attendance will be entered into the end-of-term prize draw. This initiative celebrates and encourages attendance - we thank Harvester for their support and generosity.

Staff update

We are delighted to congratulate **Mrs Thomson** on the safe arrival of her baby boy, *Murphy*. We send our very best wishes to her and her family at this special time. As **Mrs Burns** prepares to begin her maternity leave, we would like to thank her for everything she has contributed and wish her all the very best for the months ahead. We will also be saying goodbye to **Miss Whittle**, who is returning to Cumbria. We thank her for her hard work and commitment and wish her every success in the future. We are pleased to confirm that **Mrs Walker** will be remaining with us next year and will be teaching in **Year 3**.

Finally, we are thrilled to share that **Miss Reed** has successfully secured the role of **Deputy Headteacher** – a fantastic achievement. Congratulations!

Thank you

Because of your contributions, we have been able to **subsidise school trips**, purchase **new playground equipment** invest in creating a **low-arousal space**, developing **sensory circuits** to support regulation and readiness for learning and **redesign of our library space and resources**. **We simply could not do this without your support.**

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our annual Food Festival – together, we raised almost £1,000!

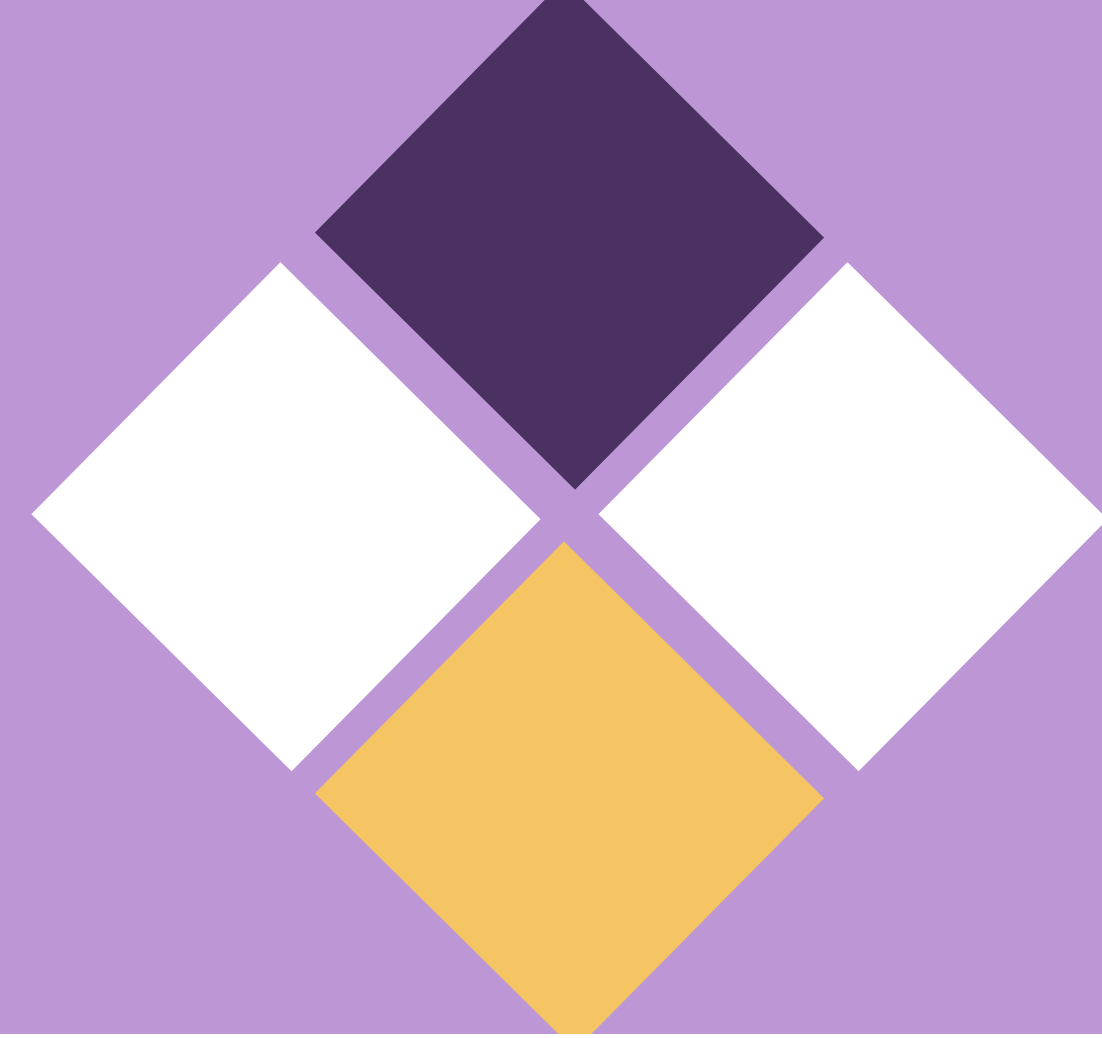
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Upcoming dates

- **W/C 1st, 8th, 15th June:** Bikeability for Year 5
- **Friday 12th June:** Wear Yellow Day in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.
- **Thursday 18th June – Friday 19th June:** Year 6 Residential
- **Monday 22nd June:** Sports Day/Healthy Week
- **Monday 29th June:** Summer Fayre
- **Thursday 2nd July:** Rocksteady Concert
- **W/C Monday 6th July:** End of Year reports
- **Thursday 9th July:** Summer Disco
- **Tuesday 14th July & Wednesday 15th July:** Year 6 performance
- **Thursday 16th July:** Year 6 Leavers Service at Castleford Academy at 9:30
- **Thursday 16th July:** ProStrike football fundraiser event
- **Friday 17th July:** School closes at 1PM

Safeguarding update

Please be vigilant - if you have any concerns for the safety and wellbeing of any child, please report it to the **Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Donna Foster and Liam Booth, 01977 518959 or contact Social Care Direct - 0345 8 503 503.** When school is closed, please follow details on how to report a concern on our school website. Please remember – **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** Everyone has a duty to keep children safe.

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Transition

We would like to share some key transition dates with you:

- **Wednesday 24th June:** We will welcome our new Year 2 children into school. On the same morning, our current Year 5 pupils will be visiting Castleford Academy.
- **Tuesday 30th June:** Whole-school transition day – all children will spend the day with their new class teacher in their new classroom.

Thank you

A huge thank you to author Suzy Senior for her visit and officially re-opening the library. It sparked incredible excitement, creativity and curiosity across school.



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